

Yes, women in Massachusetts and other States that have done the right thing by codifying Roe will be safe, but for how long? Anti-choice activists and elected officials across the country, including many in this Chamber, have made it clear that they want to ban every woman in America from accessing abortion care.

They don't care about States' rights. They want to override State laws that protect our reproductive rights because they want to eliminate our ability to control our own bodies.

Well, I have news for those folks. History has shown us, with brutal clarity, that you will never ban abortions. You will just ban the safe ones.

Women, particularly women of color and those from low-income backgrounds, will be forced into the alleys for their abortion care. Many women will die from unsafe procedures.

While families mourn an empty seat at the dinner table, the wealthiest in America, including many who cheered on Judge Alito, will find ways to access that same care. But they will do it in secret to avoid the prosecution they want for others and the display of their own hypocrisy.

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That is not the America I want my girls to grow up in. It is not the country I want for any of our daughters to grow up in.

So I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to stop thinking about the political ramifications of supporting women and to start thinking about what could happen to the women in your own life if you succeed.

There is still time to do the right thing. So join us, or at the very least, get out of our way. Our daughters are depending on us.

CONGRATULATING THE PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS AT PELLA HIGH SCHOOL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of some outstanding students in my district.

Recently, the Principles of Engineering Class at Pella High School won the high school division of the Build Iowa's Future Design Challenge. This design challenge asks students to create innovative projects to improve their community.

Pella is the home of some global, worldwide excellent manufacturing facilities, such as Pella windows and Vermeer manufacturing, so the students drew inspiration from their own hometown.

The class designed an advanced manufacturing lab to be created at the Career Academy of Pella to provide experiences and opportunities for students looking to pursue a career in manufacturing.

Congratulations to Isaac, Crista, Jack, Stephen, Kayzar, Emmalee, Grace, Wyatt, and Jackson on the win. I am thrilled to acknowledge these high school students and to see them introduce innovative solutions to the growing field of manufacturing, and I am excited to see these students become leaders of tomorrow.

Recognizing Sarah Watson
Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sarah Watson.

Sarah is a University of Iowa graduate, where she was editor of the student-run newspaper, The Daily Iowan. Sarah took her talents to Quad-City Times following graduation where she reports on politics and elections.

During Sarah's time at Quad-City Times, she has reported on pertinent veterans' issues and the full breakdown of legislation introduced at the local, State, and Federal levels.

Sarah's commitment to journalism has not gone unnoticed. Recently, Sarah was awarded the Jay P. Wagner Prize for Young Journalists by the Iowa Newspaper Association. This award is dedicated to the late Jay P. Wagner, an Iowa newspaper reporter and editor who had a passion for encouraging young reporters to report on local communities. This award is awarded to journalists 30 years old or younger who display a deep passion and love for Iowa and its people.

I can think of no person more deserving of this award than Sarah. Her drive to inform the community on issues and topics in their government is unmatched, and I am proud to have journalists like her reporting on issues in my district.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JOSEPH AND MATTHEW
MARTINO

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I would also like to take a minute to recognize the birthday of my nephews, Joseph and Matthew Martino.

Happy birthday to Joseph and Matthew.

REMEMBERING WALTER MONDALE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MURPHY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, the memorial service for former Vice President Walter Mondale was held last week.

Unbeknownst to him, Mondale had a major impact on my life and on the lives of other refugees fleeing violence and oppression in Southeast Asia. The moral courage he displayed then should influence and inspire world leaders now as we confront a new refugee crisis spawned by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Carter-Mondale administration took office in 1977 in the aftermath of the end of the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war. Because my parents had worked with American and South Vietnamese forces during the war, they faced persecution by the communist government that had taken over.

In 1979, we were finally able to escape by boat. Unfortunately for us, we ran out of fuel in international waters. But, fortunately, a U.S. Navy ship responded to our distress call, and the sailors gave us the fuel and supplies we needed to reach a Malaysian refugee camp. We were the beneficiaries of American power and generosity.

My family's physical journey from Vietnam to America and our emotional journey from darkness to light was only possible because of policy decisions made by this Nation's leaders.

After Saigon fell to communist forces in 1975, President Ford permitted about 130,000 South Vietnamese citizens into the United States. But after that, America's gates were essentially closed to refugees from Southeast Asia, even though the situation on the ground continued to deteriorate.

Former U.S. allies were being sent to what was called reeducation camps. They were essentially hard labor camps, and many of them didn't survive.

When Carter and Mondale entered the White House, many Vietnamese families, including mine, were taking their chances on the high seas. We were collectively known as the Vietnamese boat people. There was debate within the U.S. Government about what to do. Some policymakers thought America had done enough. Others believed this country could do more. Carter and Mondale ultimately sided with the advocates for additional action, even though the weight of public opinion was against them.

Mondale chaired a meeting during which he grew impatient with officials from the Defense and State departments. "Are you telling me that we have thousands of people drowning in the open sea, and we have the 7th Fleet right there, and we can't help them?" he asked.

Although some Navy officials were reluctant to use American ships to rescue refugees, Mondale overruled them, and the Navy soon came to cherish their humanitarian role. As one ship commander involved in a rescue operation told Mondale: "I thought it would demoralize my sailors, but I was dead wrong. It's going to make a difference to the way those people think about America. Because when their life was at risk, they saw this ship with an American flag come up and these young guys go down and pick them up . . . It's hard to stay mad at a policy like that."

Of course, saving refugees was only half the battle. Refugees also needed to find countries willing to accept them. Again, Mondale led the country and the world.

In July 1979, Carter sent Mondale to Geneva to address a U.N. conference where Mondale delivered an eloquent and effective speech. He invoked the inadequate efforts taken by the international community to assist European Jews fleeing Nazi Germany. In that case, the consequences of inaction were the death camps.

“Let us not re-enact their error,” he told the delegates. “Let us not be the heirs to their shame. . . .

“We face a world problem. Let us fashion a world solution.

“History will not forgive us if we fail. History will not forget us if we succeed.”

Mondale’s speech prompted a standing ovation. More importantly, it prompted many nations to increase the number of refugees they accepted.

The record is clear. The only reason my family and families like ours were given sanctuary and opportunity in America was because of leaders like Mondale, who chose to do what was morally right over what was politically popular.

While history does not repeat itself, it does rhyme. Today, a new refugee crisis has emerged. Millions of families have fled Ukraine in the face of Russian savagery. To date, the response from the international community has mostly been in the mold of Mondale. World leaders have spent political and financial capital to help their fellow human beings.

We must continue to meet the moral moment. We must follow the Mondale model.

Thank God for Walter Mondale. Rest in peace, Mr. Vice President.

COMMEMORATING THE COMMISSION OF THE USS “FRANK E. PETERSEN, JR.”

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Ms. MACE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the historic commission of the USS *Frank E. Petersen, Jr.* The brave servicemen and servicewomen of the United States Navy are now in command of an impressive vessel with an equally impressive namesake.

Lieutenant General Frank E. Petersen, Jr., was an all-American hero who served with distinction for 38 years. As the first African-American Marine Corps aviator and first African-American Marine Corps general officer, Lieutenant General Petersen went above and beyond the call of duty as a fighter pilot in over 350 combat missions in both the Korean and Vietnam wars.

For this exemplary service, Lieutenant General Petersen was well decorated, receiving the Distinguished Service Medal, the Superior Service Medal, the Purple Heart, as well as numerous others. His service was exemplary, and the American people are eternally grateful to him and his commitment to our country.

This vessel will be a mainstay of the U.S. Armed Forces and, as its namesake did, will overcome all in the pursuit of excellent. As soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines have done for generations, the crew members will continue to carry the torch of liberty and defend our great Nation.

CONGRATULATING THE PARRIS ISLAND MARINE CORPS BAND

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Lowcountry’s best, the Parris Island Marine Corps Band, for their Emmy-nominated original composition called “You Were There.” This piece salutes the first responders who continued to work at the height of the pandemic, honoring their commitment to serve and their dedication to serve.

This piece was inspired by Mrs. Lakin Pellon, the wife of the band director, Chief Warrant Officer Mark Pellon, who worked with COVID-19 patients at the height of the pandemic in Los Angeles, Beaufort, and Hilton Head Island. Her bravery during the pandemic exemplifies the spirit of first responders across the Nation. Mrs. Pellon, as well as so many other first responders from communities just like the Lowcountry, made sacrifices every day for us, and we owe them an enormous debt.

The marines who performed this touching piece are the first responders for the Nation when we have dangers abroad, but it is remarkable to see their tribute to our first responders at home.

Congratulations on this tremendous honor.

RECOGNIZING A TRIBUTE TO FIRST RESPONDERS

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a tribute to first responders in Charleston during National Police Week. Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg partnered with visual artist Kelvin Blufon and numerous current and former law enforcement officials from across the Lowcountry for an unveiling of “ESCAPE.”

“ESCAPE” is an exhibit of original paintings of first responders by Mr. Blufon that is meant to educate young people in the principles of civil service and the subsequent responsibility of serving in our community.

“ESCAPE” stands for East Side Civic Art Public Engagement and is tailored to encourage young people to aspire to be first responders in order to better serve the Lowcountry.

Mayor Tecklenburg and Mr. Blufon are helping to raise the next generation of public servants, and we couldn’t be more thrilled with the progress they are making. Congratulations to them both on this amazing unveiling.

RECOGNIZING BATTERY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Battery Creek High School, a fantastic Lowcountry school in Beaufort, South Carolina, with an excellent wildlife habitat education program that has recently won the South Carolina State championship and will be sending four young men to the national competition in London, Kentucky.

The Wildlife Habitat Education Program is a hands-on environmental education program that provides students an opportunity to test their wildlife knowledge. This knowledge is invaluable

to young people, particularly in the Lowcountry, as they learn important lessons about wildlife management and conservation.

Conservation is an important value we all share in our community, and these young men are helping to lead the charge in conservation efforts throughout the Lowcountry and throughout the State of South Carolina.

This championship has meant a great deal to the Beaufort community, and we couldn’t be more proud of our young students.

Congratulations to Hunter Smith, Diego Vega, Hunter Hollingsworth, Tanner McCracken, and Ms. Beth Ann Melton. We wish all of them the best at nationals in July and August.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS AND SHEILA PORZUCZEK

Ms. MACE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the Lowcountry’s businessowners, Chris and Sheila Porzuczek of Tortuga’s Mexican Grill on Edisto Beach.

Last week, Tortuga’s donated a portion of their proceeds from an event which the Edisto Beach Loggerhead Turtle Project held during Cinco de Mayo called Tacos for Turtles.

This event not only helped to raise money, but also helped raise awareness of the importance of turtle conservation and keeping the lights off at night to help prevent confusion for newly hatched turtles on their way into the ocean.

Despite staffing shortages, which are affecting businesses across the Lowcountry right now, Chris and Sheila are known as hard workers and support local nonprofits in the Lowcountry often.

Thank you to Chris and Sheila for their hard work and their contributions to the Lowcountry.

WOMEN’S REPRODUCTION FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support and in defense of women’s reproductive freedom and equal rights to comprehensive healthcare.

The leaked Alito opinion shows the Supreme Court is likely to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the critical precedent that has protected a woman’s right to bodily autonomy for nearly 50 years. Suddenly, millions of women across America are on the brink of being denied their fullness of rights, and America is about to become less free. Undeterred, Republicans are now publicly talking about a national abortion ban, States rights notwithstanding. We are staring down an emergency.

I was a young teen when the Supreme Court ruled on *Roe v. Wade*. That remarkable ruling meant that my generation would not have to suffer the cruel and dangerous world where abortion was illegal.